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1. TELEVISION

(A) ABC EVENING NEWS TED KOPPEL FROM PARIS: (PARTIALLY INAUDIBLE BEGINNING REFERRING TO HAK'S MEETING WITH NEW TORY PARTY LEADER THATCHER TO THE EFFECT THAT, ALTHOUGH TORIES NOT CURRENTLY IN POWER IN UK, SECRETARY KISSINGER IS A MAN WHO PREPARES FOR ALL EVENTUALITIES, AND MRS. THATCHER COULD VERY WELL BE BRITAIN'S NEXT PRIME MINISTER".) KOPPEL CONTINUED: "THEN, A QUICK HOP OVER TO ZURICH, WHERE SWISS SECURITY PRECAUTIONS SUGGESTED AN INVASION RATHER THAN A MEETING BETWEEN THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE SHAH OF IRAN. OIL AND THE ME WERE THE PRINCIPAL TOPICS OF CONVERSATION. AN YSRAELI PULLBACK FROM THE ABU RUDEIS OIL FIELDS IN THE SINAI WOULD DEPRIVE

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THEM OF CLOSE TO 60 PERCENT OF THEIR ENERGY REQUIREMENTS. THE QUESTION IS: WILL THE SHAH MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE? THE SHAH: 'WHEN WE SELL OUR OIL AND FILL UP THE TANKERS IN OUR TERMINAL PORTS, WE DON'T MIND AND WE DON'T CARE

WHERE IT GOES.' KOPPEL: EVEN WITH THIS KIND OF ASSURANCE,

IT WOULD COST THE ISRAELIS SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. BUT IN THIS RESPECT, THE U.S. IS EXPECTED TO BE HELPFUL. AND SO, KISSINGER HAS COME TO THE END OF HIS PRELIMINARY MISSION IN THE DIRECTION OF A NEW ME PEACE AGREEMENT--AND, IN A SENSE, THE MISSION HAS ENDED ON A HIGH NOTE. THE KEY TO ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ABU RUDEIS OIL FIELDS IS A GUARANTEED ALTERNATE SUPPLY. THIS AFTERNOON, FROM ALL APPEARANCES, THE SHAH OF IRAN PRONOUNCED HIMSELF READY TO UNDERWRITE THAT GUARANTEE. BY THIS EVENING KISSINGER WAS IN PARIS. DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS, THE SECRETARY WILL BE TRYING TO LINE UP SUPPORT FOR HIS PROGRAM TO LOWER OIL PRICES WHILE ENSURING THAT THEY DON'T FALL SO LOW AS TO DISCOURAGE RESEARCH INTO ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES. TOMORROW, KISSINGER RETURNS TO WASHINGTON. REASONER: SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS APPARENTLY BEEN UNABLE TO PERSUADE SYRIA'S PRESIDENT ASSAD TO RENEW THE MANDATE FOR A UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS BEYOND MAY. ABC NEWS CORRESPONDENT JOHN COOLEY REPORTS THAT SINCE HAK'S CURRENT DIPLOMACY SEEMS NOT TO HAVE (INAUDIBLE) A RETURN TO SYRIA OF THE GOLAN TERRITORY, ASSAD HAS TAKEN A HARD LINE TO BLOCK A SEPARATE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DEAL FOR ME PEACE.

(B) NBC EVENING NEWS RICHARD VALERIANI FROM PARIS: EXTRAORDINARY SECURITY MEASURES WERE IN FORCE AT THE HOTEL WHERE THE MEETING TOOK PLACE. THE SHAH ARRIVED FROM ST. MORITZ WHERE HE HAS BEEN ON VACATION. IF NORMAL DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL HAD BEEN OBSERVED, THE SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD HAVE GONE TO ST. MORITZ. BUT SINCE THE SHAH REPORTEDLY HAD TO SEE HIS DENTIST IN ZURICH ANYWAY, HE ALSO SCHEDULED THE LUNCH WITH HAK HERE AS WELL. HAK CAME TO ZURICH TO TALK ABOUT OIL, ESPECIALLY OIL FOR ISRAEL. HE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED THAT SUBJECT WITH THE ISRAELIS IN A GENERAL WAY IN JERUSALEM LAST WEEK. THE TWO MEN TALKED UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR ABOUT 3 HOURS. IRAN ALREADY SUPPLIES ISRAEL WITH ALMOST HALF OF ITS OIL NEEDS AND THE ISRAELIS GET THE REST FROM THE ABU RUDEIS FIELDS WHICH THEY CAPTURED FROM EGYPT IN 1967. IF THEY NOW RETURN THOSE FIELDS TO EGYPT AS PART OF ANOTHER DEAL, THEY WANT ASSURANCES THEIR NEEDS WILL BE MET ELSEWHERE. AFTER TODAY'S MEETING THE SHAH LEFT LITTLE DOUBT ABOUT WHERE THE REPLACEMENT OIL WOULD COME FROM. THE SHAH: "I SAID WHEN WE SELL OUR OIL AND FILL UP THE TANKERS IN OUR TERMINAL PORTS WE DON'T MIND AND WE DON'T CARE WHERE IT GOES." VALERIANI: AFTER LUNCH IN ZURICH AND BREAKFAST IN LONDON, HAK FLEW TO PARIS FOR DINNER. THIS IS THE FINAL STOP ON HIS NINE COUNTRY, TEN-DAY TRIP AND HE PLANS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON TOMORROW.

(C) CBS, MARVIN KALB FROM PARIS: SECURITY WAS EXTRA-ORDINARILY TIGHT AS HAK FLEW INTO ZURICH--DOZENS OF TANKS, SCORES OF POLICE DOGS, HUNDREDS OF TROOPS POSITIONED FOR THE SECRETARY'S PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHAH, A MONARCH WITH MONEY AND AMBITION. HE SHATTERED HAK'S HOPE THAT OIL PRICES MIGHT SOON DROP - NO, HE WARNED, THEY MIGHT EVEN GO UP IF THE CONSUMING INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD DOES NOT CONTROL ITS RAMPANT INFLATION. AT BEST, PRICES MAY HOLD AT THE CURRENT INFLATED LEVEL. AFTER A THREE-HOUR LUNCH OF CAVIAR AND ROAST BEEF DEVOTED IN LARGE PART TO HAK'S CURRENT EFFORTS TO ARRANGE ANOTHER DEAL IN THE ME, THE SHAH SAID IN EFFECT THAT IRAN IS READY TO MAKE UP THE OIL ISRAEL MAY LOSE FROM THAT DEAL BY GIVING UP THE ABU RUDEIS OIL FIELDS. THE SHAH: "ONCE THE TANKERS ARE LOADED, WHERE IT GOES IS OF NO IMPORTANCE TO US. WE DON'T MIND WHERE IT GOES, BECAUSE IT IS A PURELY COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION FOR MY COUNTRY." KALB: HAK RETURNS TO WASHINGTON TOMORROW, READY TO LAUNCH A MAJOR STUDY ON HOW TO GUARANTEE ANOTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. ONE (IDEA) THAT HE IS CONSIDERING IS A FORMAL AMERICAN DEFENSE TREATY WITH ISRAEL.

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2. RADIO (AFTERNOON AND EVENING)

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(A) MARVIN KALB, FROM PARIS: "AFTER A THREE-HOUR LUNCHEON MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER THE SHAH TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE PRICE OF OIL COULD GO UP EVEN HIGHER UNLESS THE WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD DOES SOMETHING ABOUT ITS RAMPANT INFLATION. THE SHAH DID NOT MENTION THE FACT THAT THE INFLATION HAD BEEN ACCELERATED BY THE FIVE-FOLD INCREASE IN OIL PRICES IN THE PAST 14 MONTHS. 'I'M NOT ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THE PRICE OF OIL SHOULD GO LOWER,' THE SHAH SAID AS KISSINGER STOOD BY HIS SIDE, 'IF YOU FORCE IT WITH YOUR INFLATION THE PRICE WILL GO HIGHER.' NEWSMEN ON KISSINGER'S PLANE DURING THE FLIGHT FROM ZURICH TO PARIS TONIGHT WERE TOLD THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD BE ASTONISHED IF OIL PRICES WENT ANY HIGHER. HE APPARENTLY BELIEVES THAT THE PRICE WILL EVENTUALLY GO DOWN BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT SURPLUS OF OIL IN WORLD MARKETS, BUT THAT FOR THE TIME BEING THE PRICE IS APT TO REMAIN PRETTY MUCH AT CURRENT INFLATED LEVELS."

(B) RICHARD VALERIANI, FROM PARIS: "FOLLOWING A THREE-HOUR WORKING LUNCH WITH KISSINGER THE SHAH LEFT LITTLE DOUBT THAT IRAN WAS PREPARED TO FULFILL ALL OF ISRAEL'S OIL NEEDS. HE TOLD AN IMPROMPTU NEWS CONFERENCE THAT

'ONCE THE TANKERS ARE LOADED WE DON'T MIND WHERE THE OIL GOES.' THE ISRAELIS ALREADY GET ALMOST HALF OF THEIR OIL FROM IRAN. THE REST COMES FROM THE ABU RUDEIS FIELDS THAT WERE CAPTURED FROM EGYPT IN 1967. BUT BEFORE THEY RETURN THOSE FIELDS TO EGYPT AS PART OF ANOTHER AGREEMENT, THEY WANT ASSURANCES THEIR OIL NEEDS WILL BE MET ELSEWHERE. THE UNITED STATES HAS APPARENTLY PROMISED ENOUGH ECONOMIC AID TO PAY FOR THE EXTRA IMPORTED OIL, WHICH SHOULD COST AN ESTIMATED 400 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR."

(C) BARRY SCHWEID, FROM ZURICH: "SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER FLEW TO ZURICH TODAY FOR LUNCH WITH THE SHAH OF IRAN. THE TWO TOP ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: OIL PRICES AND SUPPLYING ISRAEL ONCE IT GIVES UP OIL FIELDS IN THE SINAI. THE SHAH FLEW DOWN FROM ST. MORITZ WHERE HE HAS BEEN SKIING FOR FOUR WEEKS. KISSINGER LAVISHED PRAISE AS USUAL CALLING THE SHAH AN OLD TRUSTED AND VALUED FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID NOTHING OF COURSE ABOUT THE QUADRUPLD OIL PRICES THAT HAVE DEVASTATED UNCLASSIFIED

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EUROPE AND PINCHED THE AMERICAN ECONOMY.

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(D) LATER KALB ON CBS RADIO FROM PARIS: "KISSINGER FLEW INTO PARIS TONIGHT FOR TALKS WITH FRENCH LEADERS ABOUT ENERGY AND THE MIDDLE EAST - HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON TOMORROW. THE HIGHLIGHT TODAY WAS A THREE-HOUR LUNCHEON MEETING WITH THE SHAH OF IRAN. IT TOOK PLACE IN A HILLTOP HOTEL IN ZURICH UNDER THE TIGHTEST SECURITY BLANKET THAT FINANCIAL CENTER HAD EVER EXPERIENCED. THE SHAH DISPELLED ANY OFFICIAL AMERICAN HOPE FOR A DROP IN OIL PRICES. HE WARNED, IN FACT, THAT PRICES MIGHT GO UP IF THE WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS DO NOT CONTROL THEIR RAMPANT INFLATION. AT BEST, PRICES MAY HOLD AT THE CURRENT INFLATED LEVEL. ON KISSINGER'S CURRENT EFFORT TO ARRANGE ANOTHER INTERIM SOLUTION BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, THE SHAH SUPPORTED IT EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF GIVING ASSURANCES THAT IRAN WOULD MAKE UP FOR ANY OIL ISRAEL MIGHT LOSE BY GIVING UP THE ABU RUDEIS OIL FIELDS. THAT IS ONE KEY TO KISSINGER'S CURRENT STRATEGY THAT, IN ANY DEAL IN THE SINAI, EGYPT GETS BACK THE OIL FIELDS."

3. WIRES

(A) BARRY SCHWEID, AFTERNOON LEAD, DATELINE PARIS: "SHAH GAVE ASSURANCES TODAY THAT IRAN WOULD REPLACE ANY OIL ISRAEL LOSES AS A RESULT OF RETURNING THE ABU RUDEIS OILFILEDS TO EGYPT...

'ONCE THE TANKERS ARE LOADED, WE DON'T MIND WHERE THE OIL

GOES. IT IS A PURELY COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION FOR US,' THE SHAH SAID... HE ALSO REITERATED THAT IRAN WOULD NOT BE PART OF ANY OIL EMBARGO AGAINST THE WEST.

'WE HAVE NOT TAKEN PART IN THE FIRST OIL EMBARGO, AND WE WILL NOT TAKE PART IN ANY OTHER,' HE SAID. HE ADDED THAT IN ANY CASE A FUTURE EMBARGO WOULD NOT WORK ANY MORE BECAUSE OF THE TREMENDOUS STOCKS SINCE BUILT UP IN THE WEST. 'TODAY, WARS CANNOT LAST MORE THAN THREE WEEKS.'

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ON OIL PRICES, THE SHAH SAID HE DOES NOT EXPECT THEM TO BE FORMALLY LOWERED, BUT THAT THE DECLINING VALUE OF THE DOLLAR AND INFLATION ARE EFFECTIVELY LOWERING THEM ANYWAY. ...THE PRICE OF A BARREL OF OIL TODAY CORRESPONDS TO SOMETHING BETWEEN \$7 AND \$8, HE SAID. OIL PRICES RANGE BETWEEN \$10 AND \$11 A BARREL.

'IF YOU FORCE US TO RAISE THE PRICE BY INFLATION,' HE ADDED, 'IT WILL GO UP.'

ON THE FLIGHT TO PARIS, IT WAS LEARNED THAT KISSINGER WANTS A STUDY OF POSSIBLE GUARANTEES THAT COULD BE MADE TO ISRAEL BY THE U.S. AS A MEANS OF ASSURANCES FOLLOWING A SINAI WITHDRAWAL. . . .

IN LONDON EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE SECRETARY SOUGHT TO INSURE THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL NOT BLOCK ANOTHER INTERIM MIDEAST AGREEMENT, BY PROMISING NOT TO EXCLUDE THE SOVIETS FROM HIS EFFORTS.

'I HOPE THE SOVIET UNION WILL UNDERSTAND THAT ANY STEP TOWARD PEACE IS IN THE INTEREST OF EVERYBODY,' HE SAID. 'WE HAVE ALWAYS ASSERTED THAT A FINAL SETTLEMENT WILL REQUIRE THE PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION OF THE SOVIET UNION.'

....EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ISMAIL FAHMY INDICATED TUESDAY HE HAS FAITH IN HAK'S EFFORTS BUT SAID EGYPT WOULD AGAIN GO TO WAR AGAINST ISRAEL IF THEY FAIL." MAW

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